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1. HINDU FEBRUARY 1 FRONTPAGED STORY FROM WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENT SAGAR HEADED "U.S. PROBE INTO DEFECTS"  
IN TARAPUR REACTOR. " SAGAR SAYS ALLEGATIONS THAT THE GENERAL  
ELECTRIC NUCLEAR REACTOR FUNCTIONING AT TARAPUR POSES A MAJOR  
RADIOACTIVE DANGER ARE NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION BY SENATE  
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE. ALLEGATIONS SURFACED  
IN ARTICLE IN MAGAZINE CALLED "MOTHER JONES" IN WHICH AUTHOR  
QUOTES DR. STEVEN HANAUER, A SCIENTIST ONCE WITH ATOMIC ENERGY  
COMMISSION, AS SAYING IN SEPTEMBER 1973 THAT THERE IS LIKELY  
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TO BE A MAJOR NUCLEAR DISASTER IN THE WORLD AND MY PRIME

CANDIDATE FOR IT IS TARAPUR. "UPON HEARING HANAUER'S WARNING AN ENGINEER FROM BECHTEL POWER CORPORATION IS SAID TO HAVE INSPECTED THE TARAPUR REACTOR IN NOVEMBER 1973 AND REPORTED "SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS. " IN DECEMBER DR. KENNETH DAVIS, ANOTHER BECHTEL ENGINEER, SAID: "I DON'T BUY DR HANAUER'S DISASTER PROGNOSIS, BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT SOME INCIDENT OR OTHER MAY ARISE OUT OF THE SITUATION AT TARAPUR WHICH MIGHT HAVE INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS AND PUBLICITY. " THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TOLD SENATE COMMITTEE JANUARY 30 THAT HE WOULD EXAMINE THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE GE REACTOR IN TARAPUR. MEANWHILE SPOKESMEN FOR BECHTEL AND GE HAVE DENIED ANY ALLEGATION THAT THE DESIGN OF THE TARAPUR PLANT IS DEFICIENT.

2. SAMACHAR REPORT ADDED TO STORY SAYS CHAIRMAN OF INDIAN ATOMIC POWER AUTHORITY, J.C. SHAH, SAID HE NOT AWARE OF SUCH A REPORT BY AN AEC OFFICIAL; A NUMBER OF TEAMS VISITED THE SITE AFTER THE 1972 VISIT AND NONE OF THEM HAD EXPRESSED THE CONCERN WHICH WAS PURPORTED TO HAVE BEEN AFTER THE 1972 VISIT. "BEING AN ATOMIC POWER PLANT THERE IS BOUND TO BE SOME RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT BUT THE AUTHORITIES THERE HAVE KEPT IT LOWER THAN TOLERABLE AND THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN AT ALL, MR. SHAH SAID. SIGNED EAVES  
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